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TAGS: MARR, DA, GL

SUBJECT: THULE HELICOPTERS

REF: COPENHAGEN 3174

1. FOLLOWING A THOROUGH EVALUATION OF USAF MISSION  
COMMITMENTS IN THE THULE AB AREA, IT APPEARS THAT THE BELL  
HELICOPTER CORPORATION JET RANGER HAS SUFFICIENT OPERATIONAL  
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CAPABILITY TO FULFILL CURRENT REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, THE

TWIN ENGINE SIKORSKY S-58 WOULD CERTAINLY BE MORE DESIRABLE DUE TO THE UNUSUAL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS, PROTRACTED HOURS OF DARKNESS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS, LACK OF GROUND TRANSPORTATION, ETC., ENCOUNTERED AT THIS REMOTE LOCATION. THE MARGIN OF SAFETY INHERENT IN THE TWIN-ENGINE CONFIGURATION, AND THE GREATER CARGO-CARRYING CAPACITY OF THE S-58 HELICOPTER MAKE IT WORTHY OF SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THE TWO USAF HH-3 HELICOPTERS.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY STATED IN NOVEMBER 1973, THE U.S. AIR FORCE INTENDS TO WITHDRAW THEIR HELICOPTER ASSETS FROM THULE AB IN JULY 1974. KISSINGER

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